

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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At the end of subtitle D of title I, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 1407. OFFICE OF FREIGHT PLANNING AND DEVELOP-**  
**2 MENT.**

**3** (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
**4** the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
**5** establish in the Office of the Secretary an Office of  
**6** Freight Planning and Development (in this section re-  
**7** ferred to as the “Office”).

**8** (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Office shall be  
**9** headed by an Assistant Secretary for Freight Planning  
**10** and Development who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

**11** (c) DUTIES.—The Assistant Secretary shall—

**12** (1) advise the Secretary on freight issues;

**13** (2) designate freight corridors of national sig-  
**14** nificance under section 1408;

**15** (3) facilitate communication among public and  
**16** private stakeholders with respect to freight issues;

1           (4) provide recommendations to the Secretary  
2           on Federal, State, and local public and private fund-  
3           ing sources for projects with respect to freight; and  
4           (5) develop the national freight policy under  
5           section 1401.

6 **SEC. 1408. FREIGHT CORRIDORS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFI-**  
7 **CANCE.**

8           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after  
9           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-  
10          retary for Freight Planning and Development shall estab-  
11          lish freight corridors of national significance in accordance  
12          with this section. Freight corridors of national significance  
13          are to be included in the development of the National Stra-  
14          tegic Transportation Plan developed under section 5205  
15          of title 49, United States Code.

16          (b) DESIGNATION OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS OF NA-  
17          TIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—

18               (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years  
19               after the date of the enactment of this Act and every  
20               three years thereafter, the Assistant Secretary shall  
21               designate the multimodal freight corridors in the  
22               United States that the Assistant Secretary has de-  
23               termined, in accordance with this subsection, are  
24               freight corridors of national significance based on  
25               the importance of the corridors to freight movement.

1           (2) PUBLICATION.—The Assistant Secretary  
2       shall publish on the Web site of the Department a  
3       document that specifies the corridors designated  
4       under paragraph (1) and contains—

5           (A) a map of the corridors;

6           (B) a detailed description of the standards  
7       used to designate the corridors;

8           (C) statistics supporting the designation of  
9       each corridor; and

10          (D) a description of the role of each cor-  
11       ridor in supporting the economy and freight  
12       transportation system of the United States.

13          (3) RULEMAKING TO DETERMINE DESIGNATION  
14       STANDARDS.—

15           (A) IN GENERAL.—Before the first des-  
16       ignation of freight corridors as freight corridors  
17       of national significance under paragraph (1),  
18       the Assistant Secretary, in consultation with  
19       the freight stakeholders as described in section  
20       1401(a), shall conduct a rulemaking proceeding  
21       to establish publicly available, objective, and  
22       quantifiable standards for designations under  
23       such paragraph.

24           (B) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—In con-  
25       ducting the rulemaking proceeding under sub-

1 paragraph (A), the Assistant Secretary shall  
2 provide notice and an opportunity for public  
3 comment.

4 (C) CRITERIA.—The standards established  
5 under subparagraph (A) shall ensure that, in  
6 designating a freight corridor as a freight cor-  
7 ridor of national significance, the following cri-  
8 teria are accurately measured and considered  
9 (with the criteria listed in descending order of  
10 importance):

11 (i) The volume of freight moved along  
12 the corridor.

13 (ii) The value of freight moved along  
14 the corridor.

15 (iii) The benefits that may be gen-  
16 erated by transportation improvements  
17 carried out along the corridor, including  
18 the creation or sustaining of jobs, expan-  
19 sion of business opportunities, or increas-  
20 ing of the gross domestic product.

21 (iv) The potential for growth in  
22 freight movement along the corridor.

23 (v) The economic, environmental, and  
24 other costs associated with traffic conges-  
25 tion and travel delay along the corridor.

1 (D) ABILITY TO AMEND.—The Assistant  
2 Secretary may amend the standards established  
3 under subparagraph (A) as the Assistant Sec-  
4 retary determines necessary.

5 (4) DATA COLLECTION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Sec-  
7 retary, in consultation with the freight stake-  
8 holders described in section 1401(a), shall col-  
9 lect and review all data relating to freight nec-  
10 essary to designate freight corridors of national  
11 significance under paragraph (1) and shall con-  
12 sider, in consultation with the heads of relevant  
13 Federal departments and agencies, methods for  
14 improving the sources of the data to reduce de-  
15 ficiencies in the data and assist projections of  
16 transportation demand.

17 (B) COOPERATION OF FEDERAL DEPART-  
18 MENTS AND AGENCIES.—In carrying out sub-  
19 paragraph (A), the Assistant Secretary may re-  
20 quest from any Federal department or agency  
21 the data determined necessary by the Assistant  
22 Secretary to designate freight corridors as  
23 freight corridors of national significance under  
24 paragraph (1). The head of a Federal depart-  
25 ment or agency shall provide to the Assistant

1 Secretary data requested under this subpara-  
2 graph.

3 (C) PROJECTIONS.—The Assistant Sec-  
4 retary, in consultation with the freight stake-  
5 holders described in section 1401(a), the Ad-  
6 ministrator of the Environmental Protection  
7 Agency, the United States Trade Representa-  
8 tive, and the Secretary of Commerce, shall ana-  
9 lyze short- and long-term trends in the move-  
10 ment of freight domestically and internationally  
11 to assist the designation of freight corridors of  
12 national significance under paragraph (1), in-  
13 cluding by analyzing economic and trade poli-  
14 cies and public health and environmental condi-  
15 tions related to freight movement.

16 (5) PRIORITY.—The Secretary should give pri-  
17 ority to grants that fund projects designated as  
18 freight corridors of national significance.

